

adore Mm **as** the Nearer of the
 oblations; may lie
 cause the gods to sit down here.

4o Brilliant AG-NI, as thou art kindled,
 thy great
 flames start blazing up,

5. Let my ladles, filled with, "butter, come
 near
 thee? O propitious one;¹ AGNI, receive our
 oblations.

xxvii ^' ^ wor^skip AOTI, the exhilarating
 invoker (of
 the gods), the priest,² him who shines forth
 with
 various lustre, and is rich in brilliance; may
 he
 give ear.

7. (1 worship) the beloved **AGNI**,
 the ancient
 adorable invoker (of the gods), the wise,³ the
 fre-
 quenter of sacrifices.

8. AGNI, best of the *Angirasas*, do thou,
 continually
 accepting these our oblations, conduct the
 sacrifice
 at the due seasons.

9. Brilliant-flamed giver of good, do
 thou, the
 knower, when kindled, bring the host of the
 gods
 hither.

10. We solicit the wise invoker (of the
 gods),
 the beneficent, the smoke-bannered, the
 resplendent,
 the banner of the sacrifices.

¹ Say ana takes, *haryata* here as *kdmayawdna*; he
 more usually
 explains it as "amiable," "beloved," *aprihaniya*.

³ Sayanahere explains *ritwijam* as *ritau*
yasfyavyam, "he who
 is to be worshipped m due season;³¹ in Y. 22. 2 he
 explained it
 as *ritu-yasjitdram*, "he who offers in due season."

³ *JTavikratum* is here explained as

krdntakarmdnam (him by
 whom rites are performed ?}; in iii. 2. 4, and iii.
 14. 7, it was
 explained as *krdntagrajna* and *sarvajna* (cf. also i.
 1. 5). It pro-
 T^ably meanfl " possessing wise might."